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Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/987,899

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with
the Carbon Assimilation Pathway**

Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

Our Ref. No.: 16517.258

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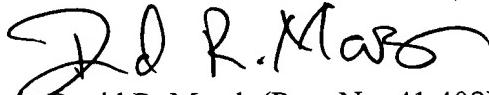
The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, and/or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing matter number 16517.258.

Respectfully submitted,



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In re application of:

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, immediately after "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/262,979 filed March 4, 1999 which claims priority under U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/076,912 filed March 6, 1998, both of which applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

REMARKS

This amendment amends the provisional application number to that set forth in the combined declaration and power of attorney. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby